2020 Cartographic Boundary Files Naming Convention

The 2020 cartographic boundary shapefiles, geodatabase layers, and kmls are named this way:

cb_2020_*ss_entity_rr*.zip

where:
- *ss* = state fips code or 'us' for a national level file
- *entity* = the entity name
- *rr* = resolution level
  - 500k = 1:500,000
  - 5m = 1:5,000,000
  - 20m = 1:20,000,000

Downloading files from the ftp site (https://www2.census.gov/geo/tiger/GENZ2020)

The Cartographic Boundary File folder (GENZ2020) on the FTP site will include a

Shapefile folder (shp), a geodatabase folder (gdb), and a KML file folder (kml).

ENTITY NAME DEFINITIONS

File Name	Shapefile/Relationship File
AIANNH	American Indian / Alaska Native / Native Hawaiian Areas
AITSN	American Indian Tribal Subdivision
ANRC	Alaska Native Regional Corporation
BG	Block Group
CBSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area / Micropolitan Statistical Area
CD116	Congressional District (116th Congress)
CNECTA	Combined New England City and Town Area
CONCITY	Consolidated City
COUNTY	County
COUNTY_within_CD116	Portion of county within a congressional district
COUSUB	County Subdivision
CSA	Combined Statistical Area
DIVISION	National Division (Subdivisions of Regions)
ELSD	Elementary School District
ESTATE	Estate – subminor civil division (sub-MCD) in U.S. Virgin Islands
METDIV	Metropolitan Division
NATION	National outline
NECTA	New England City and Town Area
NECTADIV	New England City and Town Area (NECTA) Division
PLACE	Place
REGION	National Region (Northeast, Southeast, Midwest and West)
SCSD	Secondary School District
SLDL	State Legislative District – Lower Chamber
SLDU	State Legislative District – Upper Chamber
STATE	State and Equivalent

SUBBARRIO	Subbarrio – Legally defined subdivisions of county subdivisions in Puerto Rico
TBG	Tribal Block Group
TRACT	Census Tract
TTRACT	Tribal Census Tract
UNSD	Unified School District
VTD	Voting District
ZCTA520	5-Digit ZIP Code Tabulation Area (2020 Census)